

# Mayor and City Council

## Agenda Item Request

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**Meeting Date:** 5/20/2013

**Type:** Presentation

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**Call to Podium:**

Carol Goddard, Principal of Gaithersburg Middle School

**Agenda Item Title:**

Certificate of Congratulations Presented to Principal Carol Goddard of Gaithersburg Middle School for Receiving the Distinguished Educational Leadership Award

**Responsible Staff and Department:**

Doris Stokes, Municipal Clerk

**Desired Outcome from Council:**

Present Certificate

Public Hearing History	
Introduction Date:	
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Policy Discussion Date:	
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## **Supporting Background Information:**

Each year one Montgomery County Public Schools principal is selected to receive The Washington Post Distinguished Educational Leadership Award. This educator was chosen by their school system for going above and beyond their day-to-day duties to create exceptional educational environments.

Carol Goddard, principal at Gaithersburg Middle School since 2005, is this year's winner.

She invites parents in once a month for coffee to share any concerns or ask any questions they may have and she has an open door policy with staff.

She is involved in professional organizations such as the Montgomery County Association of Administrators and Principals and the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, and encourages colleagues and staff to join for their professional growth and development.

Goddard is very involved in the school and business communities. She participates in the Laytonsville and Gaithersburg community parades and in Relay for Life, which raises funds for cancer awareness. She helped build a partnership with United Communications Group (UCG) that has resulted in back-to-school backpacks for students, Thanksgiving dinner for more than 50 families and a holiday food and gifts for many of the school's families.